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*The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof;
the world, and all that dwell therein.*

Psalms 24:1

MANLY TEARS

By WM. H. DAVIES, Columbus, Ohio



As most Christians know, or should know, the shortest verse in the Bible is found in John 11:35 and consists of the two words: "Jesus wept." Just two words, but Oh how pregnant with meaning they are, how revelatory of the Divine nature as being one of tenderness and compassion. What if it were otherwise and God was a cruel, unmerciful, malignant Creator? What would be the lot of poor, fallen humanity? That such is not the case, but that our God in His very essence is love and mercy and can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities and can sympathize with us in the same, should cause our praises to ascend perpetually to the throne of Grace.

Several reasons have been given as to why Jesus wept on this occasion, but we believe the true one is the obvious one, and that His tears flowed not only because of the deep sympathy of His great heart toward the two devoted, grief-stricken sisters, but His omniscience looked down through the centuries and saw the millions of

bleeding, broken hearts because of the fell enemy of mankind, and He longed to go to the cross that He might destroy him who had the power of death, and bring life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

What a picture is presented to us in this scene, and what a rebuke it is to our own lack of tender feeling. Here we have the incarnate Son of God, the manliest Man that ever trod this earth, shedding tears of sorrow and sympathy at the graveside of His friend. Surely this expression of love and compassion did not derogate from the splendid manhood of the Master; yet there seems to be a prevalent idea among a lot of men today that weeping denotes weakness, that tears and tenderness are within the province of women, that to be manly means to be hard-boiled, unsympathetic and unsentimental. A greater lie was never spread abroad by the devil. It is true tears of self-pity are unmanly, but such tears as our Saviour shed elevate and glorify manhood, and we are certain this old world would be a much better place to live in if there were a few more tender-hearted men in it.

Sam Jones, the evangelist, in paying his respects to some of these callous, unsentimental fellows, used to say: "They ought to get some hair and tails and be sure-enough dogs!" And we think he was about right in the matter, for it is the Christ-like qualities of pity and tenderness that lift men above the brute level.

We remember reading during the Second World War of an incident in the life of General George Patton, a man who had the reputation of being one of the most hard-boiled generals in our Armed Forces. After a severe engagement during the African campaign, a friend came to see him in his tent and found him crying like a baby. Asked what the matter was, he replied: "Oh, I just received word that one of my dearest friends has been killed in action, and I'm all broken up about it. I know I'm acting like an old fool, but I thought the world of that fellow."

When we read it, we could not help but think of the lines of Bayard Taylor in his "Song in Camp: "

"The bravest are the tenderest,
The loving are the daring."

Old two-gun Patton was not so hard-boiled as many thought him to be, and this expression of feeling on his part did not detract from the quality of his manhood in the slightest, but rather elevated it several degrees in the estimation of the writer.

Every real man, we are persuaded, would be the better for the shedding of a few tears over some things. There is great need of more tears of CONDOLENCE, or sympathy. The Bible tells us we are to "weep with them that weep." That means there is a responsive fellow-feeling in our hearts toward those in sorrow or trouble, and in a measure, we feel their woes as they do. God knows there are enough objects upon which to exercise such compassion,

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Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus

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We need your prayers and encouragement as we undertake this challenging responsibility. Continue to pray for our missionaries as they seek to win "the lost sheep of the House of Israel" in many parts of the world.

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for this old world is full of broken, bleeding hearts greatly in need of Christ-like comfort and condolence. For instance, how little the average Christian concerns himself with, or sympathetically relates himself to the suffering of his brethren in Communist and Romanist countries where many of God's children are undergoing as great persecution as any of the saints of old ever did. May God forgive us for our indifference and hard-heartedness.

And then we need to shed some manly tears of CONCERN over the souls of lost men who have never heard of the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. The Scripture says, "He that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." That not only means tears of CONCERN, but a corresponding effort in their behalf. Someone has said, "We are indebted to every man to give him the Gospel in the same measure as we have received it." If such is the case, then how great is the debt of Christians living in this land of Bibles and churches and Gospel preaching?

And then there is great need for the shedding of more manly tears of CONTRITION over our sins and short-comings and failures, our lack of faith and love and devotion and humility, our lack of earnestness and unselfishness and self-denial and kindness and of pity and patience and loyalty to our Lord. Remember how the Apostle Peter, that rugged individual (whom no one could ever accuse of being effeminate) went out and shed bitter tears of CONTRITION because of his denial of his Lord. That weeping was not weakness, but those tears were the manliest the apostle ever shed and brought the forgiveness and blessing of God upon his soul.

Charles Dickens in his book, "Great Expectations," tells how the hero of the book, after a lot of selfish, sinful conduct, finally comes to himself and sheds some bitter tears of penitence over his behavior. The author then goes on to say: "We need never be ashamed of our tears, for they are like gentle rain falling upon the dry dust overlaying our hard hearts." We believe Dickens never said a truer thing, and that the manhood of every real man is ennobled and made better by such aqueous expressions of sorrow and tenderness, for does not the Scripture say: "Sorrow is better than laughter, for by the sadness of the

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countenance is the heart made better."

And in conclusion, as Charles Spurgeon comments on Psalm 42:3, where the writer of the Psalm laments, "My tears have been my

meat day and night:" "Salty meat, but healthful to the soul."

Prompt renewal of your subscription will be appreciated by our Circulation Department.

Editorial Comment

NEW YEAR In his graciousness God has veiled from the eyes of mankind the events of tomorrow, and apart from the Word, the joys and sorrows of life's experiences unfold slowly, providing a daily challenge.

For some the year upon which we have now entered will bring everlasting life; to others, eternal damnation. Some will believe and some will believe not, and the year 1956 will seal the destiny of the soul forever.

For some it will be a year of financial prosperity; for others it will spell extreme poverty, due to illness or business adversity.

For some it will mean domestic tranquility, peace of mind and home blessings; for others it will bring broken hearts and broken homes.

For some it will bring the joys of a new-born babe; for others it will carry the sorrow of the once pattering feet, stilled in death.

For some it will bring physical vigor; for others the anguish of constant pain and suffering.

The experiences of the year will rest to a large extent in human hands, and man will be enabled to speak out in directing many personal affairs, but the last voice to be heard as the events pass in review, will be the voice of God. "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:6)

It is our prayer that the Lord may cause his most beautiful rainbow to encircle the families of Ohio Association throughout the year, and always.

WARNING It was during the night of April 12, 1912 that John Phillips sat in the radio room of the White Star Liner, *Titanic* and heard the operator of the steamer *California* warn of icebergs ahead, but being busy and with no inclination to chat with the nearby steamer, he simply said—"Shut Up, I'm busy." The *Titanic*, the "unsinkable" ship, went down with a loss of 1502 lives.

It was but an amateur operator, a student of radar who sat in the radio room at *Pearl Harbor* but he detected the coming of a fleet of planes from the direction of Japan. Immediately he reported his finding to the senior officer, and was brushed aside. The fleet of warships carrying the Stars and Stripes went to the bottom.

God issued his warnings to Adam, the Egyptians, Israel, and uncounted kings and leaders of men in Old Testament history, many of these being disregarded, with subsequent disaster.

Some years ago in a small town where this editor was pastor, a woman lay on what seemed to be her death bed. The woman had made no profession of faith and seemed to have but small place in her program for spiritual things. Repeating after us, she promised the Lord that if he would raise her up, she would make public profession of faith, be baptized, and cause her life to be a testimony to his saving, keeping power. The woman was restored to health and followed her former program, refusing to even attend a church service. One year later we conducted her funeral.

At this beginning of a new year some readers may wish to take inventory and make adjustments in family life and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. God sometimes gives warning of impending trials, but not always.

PUBLIC ATTITUDE Our Lord, when addressing the multitude, as recorded in Mark 8:38, and other Scriptures, referred to "this adulterous and sinful generation." Then we learn from II Timothy, chapter 3, and other Scriptures, that in the last days, evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, there being a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.

The purpose of this writing is not to deal, primarily, with sin and lawlessness on the lower level, but with **PUBLIC ATTITUDE**, as expressed by news print and radio.

Princess Margaret

There would seem to be no question but that press and public did all possible to encourage the Princess to disregard the position of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Scriptures, and marry the divorced Townsend. The press openly sneered at the church which would restrict the rights of romance, and openly encouraged the Princess to "follow the course of love."

Hollywood

When Ingrid Bergman announced the arrival of an illegitimate child by her movie producer,

the press and fans referred to it as a —romance, and her popularity continued unabated. Moreover, on the Hollywood scene, the thrice-married stars continue to dazzle the eyes of the generation, and the fact that all the laws of God and man are trampled under foot, seems only to add color to a 'drab routine. The press and radio seek to satisfy the appetite of a flesh-hungry generation.

Denominations

A quarter century ago the great denominations were found drifting away from the time-honored faith in the authority of God's Word, and to a point where at present there is not one large denominational group which can be titled fundamental. The attention of these groups is divided between social service on the one hand, and opposing Bible believing groups on the other, as indicated by the methods employed, which include many attempts to grasp the property of Bible believing peoples.

It is written in John 7:7—"The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil."

HELP! The phone rang and as we lifted the receiver we heard the booming voice of big Bernard Bancroft, ABWE, Manila. Bernard was calling from a nearby city. Calling for help.

It's a long story and we don't know too much about it, but it seems that in the night season on a slippery highway, Bernard and the car went into the ditch. We do not know the cause of the accident, but in all probability, since it was hard going and the weight was all distributed in one place, the car simply gave up and rolled over. Be that as it may, the damage was to the car and our sympathies go to the car.

Bernard reported that temporary repairs had been made and the car was ready for the road again, but the garage man said that the car would stand under his roof until the expense of \$100.00 was covered by cash. His call to the editorial office was to ask that we bail him out.

We suggested that he identify himself to the man. Whereupon he said: "*That's where I made the mistake, I did.*" It seems that at

some time a missionary had failed to pay and the man had vowed that never again would he trust a missionary. Well, we wired Bernard the money and got him rolling again; however, the point we wish to make is to emphasize the utter absurdity of the attitude so often expressed:

If the man would not trust a stranger, that's one thing, but to refuse credit because of his profession is quite another. Whoever heard of a man refusing credit because a man was a grocer, or a doctor, or a butcher. However, a misdemeanor, a false move, a crooked deal by a preacher stigmatizes the whole profession. Or, if the son of a preacher runs counter to the law, every preacher's son is under suspicion.

The second point we wish to make is that no man lives unto himself, alone, but serves as a stumbling block or a stepping stone for others.

GRIPE! For more than twenty-four years as editor of this magazine we have suffered along, hoping that in due time all would glimpse our policy, but it seems that the more patient we try to be, the more we suffer. Hence, we have set our face and stand ready to meet the wrath of our friends and foes, without flinching. Month after month, and year after year, we constantly receive material for print which is to this magazine *non grata*.

This is not because it is poorly written, or is unimportant, or irrelevant to our project, but because the material falls into classifications which would serve to fill many pages, if accepted from all churches without discrimination. It is a well known fact that we solicit material for print—we must have it. We feel certain that at least some of the people will understand our position. We cannot accept copy under the following classifications:

1. DEATH NOTICES—According to the records, 115 persons died among churches of Ohio Association in 1954, which was an average year. Many of these people were prominent in the local church, but we were forced to decline acceptance of the notice.
2. HOSPITAL REPORTS—Serious illness and personal injury are important items of news to acquaintances and relatives, but to accept these reports, often written

in minute detail, would be impossible.

3. WEDDINGS—Without question the bride was beautiful and widely known and the affair was a big event in the program of the church, but we must decline to print for obvious reasons.

4. SOCIAL AFFAIRS—Many of the reports received are designed to show the activities of the people and are worthy from a local point of view, but every church has some social life and we have made it a practice to eliminate such reports, even when buried deep in a church letter.

5. POETRY—Now, here is our most painful headache. There is a constant intake of poetry at the editorial office. Some of this is very good and at intervals we make bold to print a strip of it; however, the following month the intake is multiplied. It is quite the thing when a new baby arrives at the parsonage for some obliging sister to write up the big event in rhyme. Then, at times when a new pastor comes to the church the poetic talent really asserts itself.

We do not wish to have any person conclude that we discourage the writing of poetry. The reverse is true—we wish to encourage it. We recommend that those who have a talent for writing verse, write more and longer poems, but *please don't send them to us*.

HATS OFF TO ELYRIA

About the second week of September the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church, Elyria, Rev. Robert J. Reynhout, challenged the Sunday School of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, Rev. Reginald L. Matthews, to a contest. We figured that even though we lost in the windup, if we gained in attendance it would be worth while, so in we went head first.

The points were based on average attendance for the past six months, each person gained to count one point. Well, to make a long story short, *we lost*. At the end it was found that Elyria made a net gain of 564 during the six-week period; whereas, Toledo made a net gain of 500. (This reported net gain is the gains by weeks, added for the six weeks. Elyria's weekly gain was 94, Toledo 83, plus.) A tally was made by telephone each Sunday evening at 6:00.

Hats Off To Elyria and a salute of twenty-one guns. (Kenneth Andrus)

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AN APPRAISAL OF HIS MINISTRY

By J. DANSON SMITH

The following article is reproduced from "The Life Of Faith," which is one of the leading Christian publications of London, England.

Dr. Baxter will speak in eleven churches of Ohio Association during the months of April, May and June, 1956. Dates and locations will be announced in the next number of this magazine. (Editor)

Charlotte Baptist Chapel, Edinburgh, perhaps the most distinctly Evangelical of the many churches in Scotland's grey but stately old capital, with a name which is now known in all parts of the English-speaking world, has been made famous during the last half-century by the remarkable ministries of her three outstanding gifted ministers, the Revs. Joseph W. Kemp, W. Graham Scroggie, and J. Sidlow Baxter. It is concerning the last-named that this brief article is penned.

Born in Australia, not yet fifty years ago, and brought to this country at an early age, he was reared, especially in the things of God, under the saintly influence of a beloved and godly mother, and in his teens came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as his own Saviour.

At once he started preaching, soon becoming much sought after as a "boy preacher." At that time he was a young clerk in an estate agency and accountancy office. Passionately fond of music, and accomplished as a pianist, he later spent a brief but happy period travelling with the Wood Brothers, as pianist to the National Young Life Campaign. But the call to be a preacher lured him on; and this led to the taking of training for the ministry at Spurgeon's College, where sound foundations were laid for a ministry which God was yet to use most mightily.

Winsome Preacher

After a four-year pastorate in Northampton, and almost four years at the noted Bethesda Chapel, Sunderland, he accepted a second call to the growingly important charge of Charlotte Chapel in 1935.

Seventeen years have now passed since, as a tall, fair-haired, fresh-complexioned, almost boyish-looking figure, he shouldered the heavy task of ministering to a congregation of well-nigh a thousand souls. During these years, through the fervency of his preaching and his faithful presentation of the Gospel,



J. Sidlow Baxter

hundreds have been brought from darkness to light, and hundreds have entered the fellowship of the church, while many of the younger members have been led to surrender themselves for full-time service for the Lord, and are today serving in far places of the earth. At the time of writing, there are some thirty young people committed for full-time service at home or abroad. The seal of God's favour upon his fearless and faithful

preaching of the Word is such that a queue of eager worshippers usually awaits the opening of the doors for the Sunday evening service, and soon thereafter, the Chapel is filled to capacity.

In his desire to reach the non-church-going community in the city, Mr. Baxter has for some years now taken over Edinburgh's largest hall, the Usher Hall, for several months at a time, where he has preached on Sunday evenings to audiences of from two to three thousand. These services have been signally blessed of God. A group of nine city surgeons rang up to say they had so arranged duties that seven of them could be free to come each Sunday evening. The Lord Provost and various councillors have been seen there from time to time.

One morning following one of these great Usher Hall meetings, a lady telephoned Mr. Baxter, saying that she had heard him preach the previous evening, and had been much perturbed, as a consequence, regarding her spiritual state. He asked her to come and see him, but she replied that she could not come as she was speaking from a telephone kiosk in the railway station, and was due to catch a train in a few minutes. "Then listen quickly and intently," said Mr. Baxter. The way of salvation was once again briefly and explicitly stated. Light broke upon the darkened mind. The lady joyously exclaimed that all was now clear, and left the kiosk a saved soul.

Mr. Sidlow Baxter is, without doubt, a man of commanding appearance and charming personality. He has an engaging smile, large, (Continued on page 19)

MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

By REV. ALLEN M. CHERRY, Sharon, Pennsylvania

ARTICLE No. 2

The November number of this magazine carried the introduction of a message presented by Pastor Cherry at the annual meeting of Ohio Association recently held in Erie, Pennsylvania. We now print the remaining portion of the sermon. (Editor)

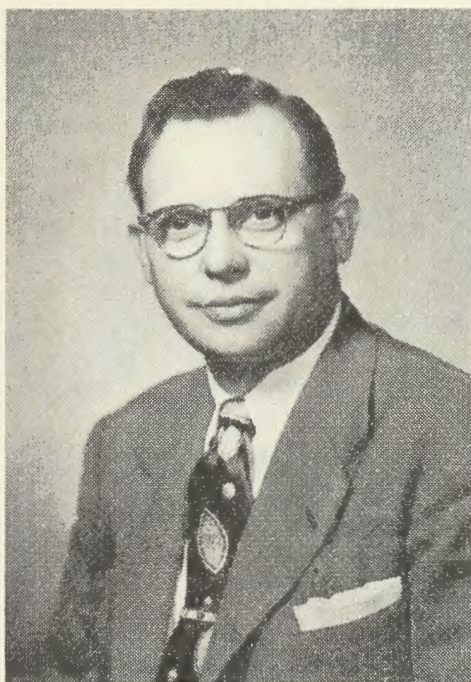
THE SONG LEADER

Old Daddy Welch used to say, "The song leader is responsible to be so in touch with God that the Holy Ghost can suggest to the choice of hymns we sing." It's so true; he is the man closest to the Pastor when the pastor is fulfilling his duty as a messenger for God. Thus they should be in the closest of fellowship in utter harmony. He should be, as every Christian worker—filled with the Spirit of God; utterly surrendered and consecrated—an empty vessel that God can use for each occasion.

He should be capable, he should be INTERESTED. Just as we have too many serving in other capacities who are actually greater hindrances than helps to a church program, and more seriously to the program of God; *because of their disinterest*, we find song leaders (they want the job alright as the song leader) who are not truly interested in their job in the producing of a good song service. We find that true in so many churches; Sunday School teachers and officers (not really interested, never go visiting, never contributing to the ideas of building up their classes—reaching new ones etc.) so song leaders, disinterested—never trying to improve themselves, never giving much thought to how they may better the service each time the congregation meets.

Let him also remember he is not a directional "GYMNASTIC" OR "ATHLETE." We already have too many "show-offs" too many "Song-leading exhibitionists." The song leader should know how to direct, know his time-beat directions, then USE THEM. To do so in a manner most graceful (not throwing his arms all over the place and practically turning hand-springs) *He should endeavor through his arm movement to attract as little attention as possible to himself.* After all his purpose is to get the people to sing, and through their singing reach God.

He must remember the congregation is NOT A CHOIR . . . The moment the congregation is treated as a choir, they become technique conscious and the meaning of words and fellowship with God vanishes . . . Though occasional pauses and holds are effective, they should be sparingly used. The congregation best sings when rhythm is smooth; after all, there is nothing wrong with rhythm, and why should Satan get control of the things that



Allen Cherry

are good, not bad, and use them for his intents and purposes. Good rhythm in congregational singing is half the battle.

Then remember have good song books for your song leader to be able to direct properly and be best enabled to produce good singing in the congregation. Song books with half the songs torn out . . . markings all over the pages . . . need to be thrown in the trash cans. When you do have a good song book USE IT, pick out new songs, acquaint the congregation with all songs (except those especially written for solos, duets or choir numbers etc.) I have found in my own

experience that Wednesday night is a good time to acquaint the members with the new songs. What does it matter if there are several singing different at the same time, until they really know the song. It will be worth the struggle, for think of how those songs will in the future be the means of much worship and much good in the hearts of the singers. (others also).

Then the song leader should mark the songs (date them) when he uses them. Thus the songs are never over-used, until they become monotonous. So many churches sing the same old hymns over and over, year in and year out, every Sunday the same thing practically. No wonder congregation singing in many FUNDAMENTAL CHURCHES EVEN is a painful thing, just a time of filling up time. Date your songs, and then make sure they fit the program.

The good song leader never tires his singers. Don't sing all the verses if the song has more than four, vary them around and next time the song is sung use other verses. (again, that will depend upon the message of the song and the way it fits in to the message and program of the occasion.)

Don't tire the congregation by too much standing or too much sitting. Be considerate of them. Last Summer at a church in Toronto the congregation was asked to stand and sing a song, there were six verses to it, and after singing it through he (under emotional stirrings—whether of God or man I can not tell) decides he likes it and so standing still we went through the whole song—all six verses once more. Having an injured leg, it was too much for me, so very impolitely as it must have seemed to some, I sat down through the second round starting with the 3rd verse.

And then for the sake of the
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CHATS WITH PASTORS' WIVES

By MRS. CLARENCE MASON, Philadelphia, Penna.

CHAT No. 2

In answer to many requests we reproduce a series of seven articles written exclusively for this magazine in 1941 by the wife of Dr. Clarence E. Mason, Jr., then president of Philadelphia School Of The Bible.

Immediately after the articles have been reprinted we plan to reproduce a second series of seven articles written by Mrs. Mason for this magazine in 1943, titled "Chats With Young People." (Editor)

THE PASTOR'S WIFE IN RELATION TO HER HUSBAND

In our chat together last month we discussed some of the general requirements of a pastor's wife: some of the qualities which will help to make her all she should be in filling this most important place in the Lord's vineyard. This month we shall continue our meditations by thinking of the pastor's wife in relation to her husband.

Perhaps we had better put first things first and consider *her relationship to him in spiritual things*. Here she can either make or break his ministry as to its real effectiveness for the Lord.

Encouragement

I think that her greatest instrument of aid is whole-hearted encouragement. There are so many discouraging things in the ministry, as you all know too well. Dreary days, when the clouds seem black and your heart is like ice. So frequently, at such crucial times, the temptation is to join with one's husband as Job's wife did with him, instead of making it a fresh opportunity to assure him of the Lord's gracious care, and never failing help in time of need. There is something so *lifting* in pouring out one's burdens to a loved one and finding that one to have a bright outlook and a quiet faith which defies panic, and is like a drink of cold water to a weary traveler. How often have I listened to young ministers' wives complain to others of the poverty in their home, the lack of finances in the congregation, and appending a wish to have their gifted (?) husbands move on to what always seems from a distance to be much greener pastures.

I shall never forget a certain denominational secretary who visited our home one cold dismal day in January. He knew we were an independent church at the time and had come to discuss the state of

affairs. My husband was away at the time. I realized that he was desirous of hearing all the bad news, which is always abroad in any work, so I purposely omitted all such happenings and told him only of the bright side—the encouraging things. When I had finished he looked me directly in the eyes and said something which has long remained in my memory: "Well, Mrs. Mason, it is such a relief to be in one parsonage where I haven't had to listen to a tale of woe. You are the first pastor's wife I have talked to in many months who has not at some time in the course of our conversation discreetly suggested that I might be able to aid her husband in getting a larger and more prosperous church."

Then, not only is there the assistance which comes from a wife's encouraging outlook on the work generally, but the encouragement she should give in specific matters, such as faithful habits of study and message preparation. If the pastor has his study at home, I believe his wife should make possible a time of quietness during some portion of the day. This is often difficult when there are small children, but perhaps even more necessary. Often the pastor is in the midst of earnest study when he is interrupted by first one thing and then another. Some interruptions are unavoidable but many can be avoided by a thoughtful wife. For instance, there is nothing more precious in all the world than a baby, but not in the study (!), for somehow a baby and concentrated Bible study do not mix well.

Also she can encourage him to constantly prepare new messages and always have fresh manna for his congregation. This is possible only when time is spent alone with the Lord, entirely apart from disconcerting incidents. A wife can also greatly stimulate her husband in his sermons by frankly discussing them with him after they have returned home from church. I do not mean unkind or harsh criticism as he will get plenty of that without the wife joining in, but I surely cannot share the opinion of one young wife who told me, "My husband's messages are so excellent that no one could wish them changed, and besides, he is the voice of the Lord and I would not dare to make a single suggestion." Some time later I heard this young man preach, and altho he had an excellent sermon, there were many places in which a loving wife, who was not suffering from a bad case of nearsightedness, could have helped him to improve in content and delivery.



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Physical Matters

And now, I do want to talk with you before we close about the physical side of the problem. My firm conviction is that many a budding preacher would have developed into a greater man if his wife had been more careful about his physical well-being. Every normal man likes to eat, and there is no better tonic for tired nerves and a discouraged heart than a good, warm, hearty meal, pleasantly served and thoroughly enjoyed. Poorly prepared food, unappetizingly placed on the table, plus constant irregularity, often spells real trouble in many a manse. If you are not a good cook, learn to be one. There are a thousand aids available to any ambitious wife today. Financial stringency is no barrier to this goal. A little foresight and a bit of ingenuity in buying and balancing foods will provide a wholesome and quite sufficient diet. Pray for your husband, encourage him in the things of Christ; yes, by all means—but every now and then present him with a delicious apple pie and a steaming, fragrant cup of coffee and you will find that he will preach better.

And there is the problem of a tidy parsonage. Have you ever noticed what a disorderly room does to your morale? I visited a home not many months ago and, when I had entered, my hostess—the wife of a pastor—said, “Come in, won’t you? We live in a dump but you are welcome to share it with us.” As I went in with her, into the living room, I realized that she had spoken better than she knew. The room was so cluttered, there was scarcely a place to sit down. And when I left, I felt weighed down with the turmoil and the disorder of that home. How could any man be at his best for the Lord, or his work when living in such a state of chaos? The pity of it all was that there was no need for such a condition, since there was only one child and but few outside demands.

May I just add one final word? *What about your husband’s appearance?* Is his clothing immaculate and is he well groomed? Does he need a haircut? I realize that untidiness in a preacher should not always be laid to neglect on the part of his wife. Some people are careless and slovenly in their person and dress, regardless of how much others may try to do for them. But, so frequently much can be done if the wife helps along with the



Sunday School Business is God’s Business

By REV. ROBERT J. REYNHOUT, Elyria, Ohio

● GIVE ATTENTION TO ADULTS ●

The Adult Department in Sunday School is the most neglected department. Special concern and interest should be given to this particular field because there is no better way to build a Sunday School than through the Adult Department. There is no greater potential for growth than in the adult age, twenty-five years and up. Any Sunday School that wants to grow can do so by placing emphasis on the Adult Department. I think it is high time that some of our Baptist Churches give attention to this special field. It is understood that there are approximately ninety-five million adults in the United States, very few of whom attend Sunday School.

Think of the importance of adults in the Sunday School. When we reach the parents, we have a hold on the entire family. This will curb delinquency, save the home, and bring the children to the Lord Jesus Christ. When we reach the adults, naturally we are handling the principle source of workers for our Sunday School. Neither must we forget that in reaching the adults our financial strength will be increased considerably. Certainly it should also be kept in mind that, when the adults come, it sets a wonderful example and pattern for the young people and children who may not otherwise have anyone to properly guide them.

We know it is essential to have departments for our children and young people. Their interests and

needs are very divergent and we recognize that we must have different methods of approach, different material, to handle the needs of the various age groups. But, let us not forget that there are also definite stages of growth and wide differences in interest and need among the adults, as well as among the children. We need to give concern to our Adult Department, recognizing that young adults between twenty-five and forty should not be mixed in with the older adults who have already become quite well settled in life, perhaps have reared their families, and have different interests in life. Let’s go after the adults by giving emphasis to new classes and departments for them.

Many adults never attend Sunday School because we have not shown much interest in them. Many have lost the interest in Sunday School after they once dropped out when they were in their teens. Then too, we must not forget that adults have so many interests that occupy their time, which have caused them to drop away from church and Sunday School. Furthermore, no one has paid particular interest to them, so why should they attend? Do you want to build your Sunday School? Go after the adults! Someone has said, “When you get the man, you get the home; when you get the home, you get the community; when you get the community, you get the nation.” *All of this by getting the man.*

good cause, by either seeing to it herself that his clothes are cleaned and pressed, or making sure that he attends to these details which have so often hindered the testimony of some of God’s servants. The law of the Medes and Persians with regard to collars and shirts is: “When in doubt, change it.”

We have set a high standard, dear friends, but it does us good now and then to reconsider the goal and to strive to more nearly reach it. I think that a loving and con-

secrated heart is the ultimate goal for each of us in relation to our husbands and their work, but it takes even more than this; it takes a loyal heart, one like the heart of David, who when he placed Mephibosheth at the king’s table, covered his lame feet, thus hiding from the gaze of others, his weakness, and never parading before others the secrets that his kindness covered. (Next month we shall talk together of the pastor’s wife in relation to her parishioners.)

CEDARVILLE COLLEGE

(A Baptist College of Liberal Arts)

By REV. JAMES JEREMIAH, President

Taking Inventory

Sometime during the last of the old year or the beginning of the new one business concerns set aside a special time for inventory. Our page in *The Ohio Independent Baptist* this month will be devoted to such an inventory of Cedarville College. As we consider the spiritual, material and financial blessings which God has showered upon us, we trust our readers will thank God, take courage and press on to new victories with us in the Lord's service.

Looking back over the past year, we have many reasons why "His praise shall be continually in our mouth." Psalm 34:1. In the midst of adverse circumstances the people of God are sometimes tempted to be critical. We are instructed, however, to "stop being worried about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving" make our requests unto God and then "the peace of God will keep guard over our hearts and thoughts." The Psalmist says "Let the poor and needy praise thy name." Psalm 74:21. That permits Cedarville College to qualify as a "praising" institution. All the rest of our schools and missions possibly meet that same requirement too.

Our Graduates

We thank God for the way He has opened doors for our graduates of last June. Three young men, Robert F. Rogers, Paul A. Schenck, and James T. Shaw graduates of the class of 1955 are accepted missionaries under the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions. Harold P. House is under appointment as a missionary to Japan under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. David H. Selden missionary under appointment to Alaska and Gordon I. Wimer missionary to French Equatorial Africa are both working under Baptist Mid-Missions. Mrs. Shirley G. Wolcott is working with her husband who serves as assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hamburg, New York. Verne Kirby is working in Kentucky presenting God's Word to the school children. Bernice M. Mick is manager of the Christian Bookstore at Cedarville. Glenn E. Saunders is obtaining

further training at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana, and William I. Brown is completing his studies at Cedarville College for the Th.B. Degree. Other members of the class are active in local churches. We thank God for these young people and urge our readers to pray for them.

The Choir

During the past fall semester, our choir has presented sacred concerts at the West Liberty Youth Rally, Maranatha Baptist Church, Springfield, Ohio, Veterans Administration Hospital, Chillicothe, Ohio, Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio, Blessed Hope Church, Springfield, Ohio, Cedarville High School and the London Prison Farm. Our spring choir tour, March 24 to April 8 will take us to Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. An itinerary will be printed in the next issue of the College Bulletin. We thank God for the way He has been pleased to use our choir in presenting the gospel in song. The director, Prof. William P. Ambrose will appreciate your prayers in behalf of the choir and your presence in the churches when the choir presents their sacred concerts.

The Team

Our basketball team will be traveling east for a few days the first of January. On January 5th we will play Shelton College. On the 6th the boys will meet the King's College team and complete the tour at Robert's Wesleyan College on the 7th. Our intercollegiate sports program has afforded many opportunities for our boys to testify for Christ. It is their desire to be a witness for Christ whether they win or lose.

Our Project

We believe Cedarville College is not only an educational institution but a missionary society at one and the same time. Our young people are active in a number of different types of Christian service. Some of them are assigned to do work in Bible clubs, various Old Folk's Homes, Springfield and Greene County Jails, various Sunday Schools and Street Meetings. From September 14 through De-

cember 16, 1955 our young people have spoken to 621 people about their need of trusting Christ. Forty-eight persons have professed salvation and fourteen others out of fellowship with God have been restored. Our students have distributed over 800 tracts, given away 10 New Testaments and 72 Scripture portions. Some of this material has been given to Cedarville by the American Scripture Gift Mission while much of it has been purchased from the offerings presented by the students themselves. On a number of occasions during the fall months our students have helped local churches canvass certain areas for Sunday School prospects. They are busy for the Lord seeking to win others to the Christ whom they love and serve.

We Rejoice

We are thankful to God for the way He has sent in the gifts to enable Cedarville College to train the young people whom He sends to us. From January 1st, 1955 through December 23rd, 1955, \$43,087.52 has been given by churches and individuals for the support of the school. This does not include money which has been given to the college for debt retirement, organ fund and so forth. As we compare the gifts for 1955 to those received during 1954, we are happy to report that over \$11,000 more was given in 1955 than in 1954. In addition to this \$6,270.08 has been given to Cedarville College for debt retirement. We would certainly be most ungrateful if we did not stop to praise God for supplying our financial needs during these crucial days of our existence. We are thankful to for the churches and individuals who have made this report possible.

The Future

What about the future? To begin with, we believe more and more young people will be looking to Cedarville College for training in a number of different fields. We are praying that God will send us a man to serve as Dean of Education who is adequately trained, but above all who is interested in the Biblical position which we as a college have determined to maintain.

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ORDINATION AT BYESVILLE

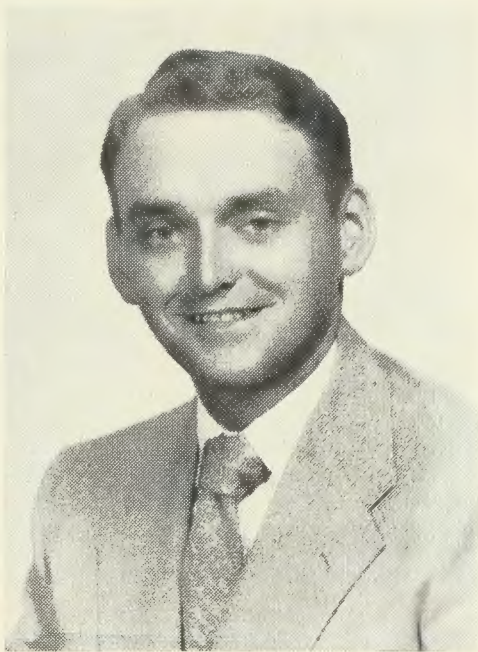
PASTOR'S SON CALLED TO MISSIONARY SERVICE

Harold Pierre House, Jr., son of the Rev. Harold House, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Byesville was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in his home church, Monday, November 28, 1955.

The young man is a graduate of Cedarville Baptist College, class of '55. His talented wife, Vivienne, was also graduated from Cedarville Baptist College and they will enter missionary service with the Association of Baptists For World Evangelism, assigned to Kago-shima, Kyushu, Japan. Mr. and Mrs. House have two young daughters.

At the council meeting 17 messengers, representing 10 Baptist Churches heard his statements and by unanimous vote recommended his ordination to the church. The ordination ceremonies were held in the evening of the same day.

The Rev. Harold House, Sr., delivered the ordination sermon, the charge to the church was presented by Rev. Llewellyn Thompson of



Harold P. House, Jr.

Zanesville, and Rev. Walter Young gave charge to the candidate.

The young man and his wife are definitely dedicated to the Lord's work and hold the high esteem of uncounted Christian friends.

CAMDEN CALLS PASTOR

The Camden Baptist Church, Kipton, Ohio, recently called to the pulpit EARLE HARRIMAN, who has served as supply since the resignation of the Rev. Joseph H. Troup, now serving at Medford, Wisconsin.

Mr. Harriman is a native of Massachusetts, attended Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, and Gordon College, Boston, being graduated from the last named school in 1950, B.A. Following his graduation he served two Baptist churches in Vermont, but being convinced of the independence of the local church thru

study of the Scriptures, he entered Baptist Bible Seminary, Johnson City, for further training along the lines followed by the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. He was graduated from B.B.S. in 1955, Th.B. He was accorded the honor of membership in Alpha Gamma Epsilon. Feeling led to continue his studies in Church and secular History, as preparatory to teaching, he moved to Ohio, entering Western Reserve University where he is working (night classes), on his Masters Degree. He hopes to conclude his studies in 1957.

Mr. Harriman and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church of Spencer, Ohio, of which the Rev. Adam A. Galt is pastor, the wife being the former Don-nabelle Thompson of that congregation. Mrs. Harriman was graduated from Baptist Bible Seminary, also Gordon College, receiving the degree Bachelor Of Education from the school last named. They have two small children.

The pastor and church are re-joining in the new relationship and we are convinced that spiritual prosperity will crown the pastorate.

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tain and emphasize. We hope within a short time to prepare young people for the teaching profession and have them certified by the State of Ohio. In order to do this we must strengthen the faculty in the field of Education. Your prayers, suggestions and interests will be greatly appreciated.

The Debt

Sometime ago friends of Cedarville College promised \$9,000 toward our debt retirement fund if we could raise another \$16,000. This offer will not be made for an indefinite time. Unless we do something about it soon we will be forced to raise the \$25,000 in some other way. As the Lord may lead you, will you please pray that God will lead in the liquidation of this debt? We believe it will honor Him greatly if we can see this victory at Cedarville.

As we take inventory and consider God's blessing upon us, we say in the words of Samuel, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," I Samuel 7:12. We are certain that the "hitherto" of God's past blessing gives us reason to say "henceforth" He will provide.

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CAMP PATMOS

MEMBERS OF CORPORATION AND TRUSTEES MEET IN JOINT SESSION

The First Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio, was the center of activity for about thirty preachers on Monday, December 5, 1955.

It is the practice of pastors in Hebron Association to spend the hours from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. in the Elyria Church on the first Monday in each month—engaging in prayer and Bible study, also exchanging views on current problems. Following the two-hour session the pastors move to a public dining room for lunch.

On the date in point eighteen of the local pastors assembled, the session conducted by the Rev. Adam A. Galt, in the absence of Moderator Verne L. Dunham, the study directed by Rev. Donald H. Beightol.

At 1:00, members of the council of ten, which constitutes the corporation of Ohio Regular Baptist Home and Camp, also trustees of the "Home & Camp," joined the local ministers in the church dining room where Mrs. Charles Baker at the request of the Rev. Robert J. Reynhout, had prepared a tasty and bounteous dinner. Mrs. Baker was assisted in serving by Mrs. James Jewell, who is also a valued member of the congregation.

The Business Session

At 2:00 P.M. the members of the camp organizations were summoned into business session with the following present: Allan E. Lewis, Hall Dautel, John Balyo, William Howard Green, Earl V. Willetts, James T. Jeremiah, Elton C. Hukill, C. C. Clawson, Robert J. Reynhout, Donald H. Beightol, C. Doug-

las Burt, Leonard Travis, George S. Milner, Lester Edgerton, and H. K. Finley.

The meeting had been called to determine policy in relation to camp problems and to tentatively draft suitable ground rules for the guidance of campers and executive personnel. It was also the desire of the boards to harmonize procedure to the end that the program and privileges might not differ essentially during periods of the same camping season.

Rules and Directives

It would be impracticable to report herein the far-reaching decisions of the meeting in detail. However, for the information of all interested persons we summarize the most important items:

1. Definite bounds were set beyond which campers are not permitted to go without special permission, or with a counsellor.

2. Methods were agreed upon which will assist in providing better discipline in dormitories during the night season.

3. Rules were adopted which will require all those who drive the camp bus, trucks or cars to conform strictly to traffic laws on the island.

4. A cruise around the island had been provided for the young folk at .75 per person, and while this was not a part of camp program, it was sanctioned by most of the camp directors. The combined boards by unanimous vote **DISAPPROVED** of the cruises and *permission to leave the grounds for this purpose will no longer be granted.*

5. Definite limits were set for

the parking spaces at the camp. This action will protect the grounds from excessive traffic.

6. All supervising personnel, including directors, nurses, life guards, recreational leaders and others will be expected to report for duty before noon on the opening date of the various camp periods.

7. A qualified life guard must be on duty at all times, and it is recommended that three counselors accompany each group during the swimming period.

8. Restrictive methods were adopted with a view to protecting the sports equipment.

9. Refreshment stand privileges will be limited to the hours predetermined and published by the General Director.

Notes

The members of the two organizations had planned on some action looking toward the purchase of a Home For The Aged; however, this is contingent upon the liquidation of present indebtedness. No action was taken at the meeting. It is agreed that no plans shall be made or action taken until camp indebtedness has been cleared.

It was agreed that insurance should be provided, not only for the young folk during camping season, but also to cover all workmen and guests serving or visiting on the grounds.

Rev. Donald H. Beightol, superintendent of grounds and buildings, reported the bus in bad condition and in need of repairs. Mr. Beightol will have the vehicle conditioned for safe usage thru next season, but any person who desires to give the camp a bus is hereby given a cordial invitation to do so—*quickly*.

The business session held in Elyria was not concluded until after five o'clock and all agreed that it was one of the most fruitful sessions ever held in relation to the camp. Perfect harmony, personal interest, and a feeling of individual responsibility seemed to characterize every discussion. These men know that the people of Ohio Association depend upon them to operate their camp to the glory of the Lord, and to protect every dollar of their investment, and *that* they are determined to do.

GIFTS TO OHIO ASSOCIATION

REV. VERNE L. DUNHAM, Treasurer, 227 Kansas Ave., Lorain, Ohio

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Calvary Baptist Church, Cleveland	5.00
First Baptist Church, Bowling Green	3.00
Berea Baptist Church, Berea	10.00
East Side Baptist Church, Lorain	10.00
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Cleveland	10.00
North Royalton Baptist Church	4.00

Cedar Hill Calls Associate Pastor

The Rev. Earl L. Leiby has accepted call to serve as associate pastor of the Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Cleveland, and will enter his new field of service, January 31, 1956.

Mr. Leiby was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, October 1917 and following High School he entered Practical Bible Training School, Binghamton, New York and was graduated in 1939. He has served as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Trumansburg, and the First Baptist Church, Moravia, New York. He organized the Baptist Temple, Oswego, New York, and ten years later became pastor of the First Baptist Church, Rowley, Massachusetts, his present location.

Information at hand indicates that the newcomer is well qualified as a leader of young people, having attended the Oswego State Teacher's College, and Gordon College, where his major was education, and Christian education, respectively. In recent years he has been active in young people's work and summer youth camps.



E. L. Leiby

A parsonage recently purchased by the Cedar Hill Baptist Church, awaits Rev. and Mrs. Leiby, and the three children, Judith Ann 13, Mark M. 11, and Stephen Paul 8. Ohio Association will spread out the "Welcome Mat" for the family.

CHURCH WALL SAFE ROBBED

It was Christmas Night and the East Side Baptist Church Lorain was still and dark. Services for the day had ended and the pastor and people were cozy behind the fast closed doors of their homes. Unseen in the darkness thieves pried open a small window in the basement, slipped upstairs to a wall safe and after wrecking the safe, slipped away with \$568.00 in cash and \$64.00 in checks. Payment was stopped on the checks and net loss was reported as \$568.00, plus damage to the safe.

The amount represented offerings for the day. Under normal circumstances no money would have been in the wall safe, but due to the absence of one of the officers, who was out of the city, the money was left in the church.

We talked with Pastor Verne L. Dunham on the telephone and sympathetically asked, "What about the pastor's salary?" He said: "The pastor was paid in full." It's a great church and never meets defeat, regardless of thieves or road blocks.

CAMP PATMOS

(FINANCES)

Following the excellent offering for Camp Patmos in October, we were not alarmed when contributions during November dropped to \$177.43, but when the receipts during December amounted to only \$181.35, we call it to the attention of our friends.

The camp is faced with periodic payment of interest on the debt of \$9,000.00, and the bank expectancy of some payments on the principal, in addition to taxes, insurance, and other items of current expense. Then, just around the corner is the cost of conditioning the camp for the summer season. There will be no major installations, nor purchase of additional equipment this year, apart from the erection of two new cabins under the long range program. The cost of each cabin will be about \$750.00, these made necessary by present crowded condition, and upon recommendation of the state authorities. Two tentative promises of money to cover a cabin were received, but to date no gifts have reached the treasury.

The Budget

Subsequent magazines will carry the "camp story" in detail, but the point of this article is to ask that every church in Ohio Association which can possibly gather a special offering, do so at once. The budget is the answer. There would seem to be no reason why CAMP PATMOS should not be on the budget of every associated church. The camp benefits are spread over the entire association and the ministry is to a group not reached by any organized work, apart from the local church. These boys and girls are entitled to every advantage which the fellowship can extend. (We point to juvenile delinquency.)

Between this date and the opening of camp there will be a pressing need for funds and we ask for the cooperation of every affiliated church.

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A UNIQUE APPROACH

ELYRIA CHURCH ADOPTS NOVEL PROCEDURE

Through arrangements made by two of its officers, Walter Davies and Herbert Kimball, the Chapel Choir, consisting of young people of High School age, were invited to sing at each of the three leading banks in Elyria during the week preceding Christmas. At the Elyria Savings and Trust Company, the first appointment, the local radio station provided two men; one to make announcements, the other to make tape recording. The station then used the tape in a thirty

minute broadcast. In addition to the three financial institutions, the choir also provided a thirty-minute program in the cafeteria of the Bendix-Westinghouse Corporation, after which the company invited the young folk, also director Jack Payne and Rev. Robert J. Reynhout, to a specially prepared dinner.

The musical programs were directed by Mr. Jack Payne, the musical director of the First Baptist Church, and consisted of Christmas Music which emphasized the Christmas Carols of many countries. The programs were heard by several hundreds of people, in addition to the radio audience. The numbers were presented A Cappella, excepting during a few numbers when Miss Phyllis Sparr accompanied on the violin. Twenty-five young folk were engaged in the project.

Pastor Reynhout and the local people feel that the undertaking not only put forth the Christmas message, but also served to advertise the First Baptist Church.

FINE WORK AT ZANESVILLE

We have at hand financial report for 1955 covering the work of The Bible Mission, Incorporated, and the Bible Mission Baptist Church, directed by the Rev. Llewellyn Thompson, he serving as pastor of the last named organization, which is affiliated with Ohio Association.

The pastor heads several worthy projects:

A radio ministry has been operated through about five years, a local mission work is conducted at the headquarters building in Zanesville where the church constantly extends its influence, and in addition to the work at the home base, the mission sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Knicely and family, missionaries in Mexico. The work partially supports a number of other workers some of whom are serving under other mission boards.

The report indicates that total receipts covering all projects and responsibilities for the year just closed, amounted to \$17,135.00, of which about \$3,400.00 was contributed to the building fund. The spacious building was purchased about two years ago at a cost of \$15,000.00, the indebtedness having been reduced to \$7,600.00.

Mr. Thompson receives mail at Dresden, Ohio, Route No. 2.

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WHO'S WHO!



Gerald V. Smelser

A familiar figure at the annual meetings of Ohio Association during the past fifteen years has been the REV. GERALD SMELSER, superintendent of The Cleveland Hebrew Mission, Cleveland, Ohio.

We recently asked Mr. Smelser for personal data and find in the material furnished that he accepted his present position in 1941, succeeding the late Rev. F. C. Imhof. He was ordained by the Calvary Baptist Church, Altoona, Pennsylvania upon recommendation of a council made up of delegates from the Regular Baptist Churches of Western Pennsylvania. Following his ordination he accepted call to the Calvary Baptist Church, Mannington, West Virginia, leading that church into fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, and was instrumental in the formation of the Association of Regular Baptist Churches of West Virginia.

When Mr. Smelser was called to The Cleveland Hebrew Mission the work sponsored the Hebrew Christian Assembly, a church working in conjunction with the mission. Under his leadership the assembly was disbanded and about fifty of its members, including Mr. Smelser and his family, united with the Bethlehem Baptist Church of which the Rev. Glenn H. Davis is pastor. Two former members of the assembly are now serving with Baptist Mid-Missions.

The Cleveland Hebrew Mission was founded in 1904 and celebrated

the Golden Jubilee in 1954. Miss Lida Imhof, daughter of the former superintendent, continues to serve as the secretary.

The Rev. Smelser was one of the founders of the Baptist Bible Institute and has continuously served on the faculty, now being Chairman of the Advisory Board of the school in Cleveland. He is also a trustee of Cedarville Baptist College. The superintendent visited the Holy Land on a personally financed tour in 1954 and his pictures and lectures have been widely used among Regular Baptist Churches. Mr. Smelser also carries a broadcast program over several stations as set forth in advertisement carried in this magazine.

Many churches and individuals in Ohio Association are interested in The Cleveland Hebrew Mission, mailing address, Box 3556, Cleveland 18, Ohio.

MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

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Lord first of all, and then the moving of the Spirit within the breasts of the listeners, make sure that the songs selected are appropriate. A personal friend of mine who is a member of our Evansville Ohio Church, where brother Don Loomis is Pastor, told me once that when his father (a good old-fashioned Baptist Preacher of a number of years ago) had poured out his soul in an appealing message for consecration and to have the people take a forward stand—to press onward

and upward for God—he then turned to his song leader and told him to have the people stand and sing. The selection chosen by the song director was “I shall not be moved” . . . The pastor, Rev. Morgan . . . stopped the singing . . . and refused to let them go on . . . How this very thing has ruined many a sermon, many a service, many a conviction.

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William

Accompanying this fine article was a letter from the Rev. William Fusco:

"I don't know how I did it but I succeeded in getting Mrs. Fusco to write this month's article. It took me a year though.

"Started yesterday with the language study, under a tutor who knows no English. I should have a rare time.

"We are thankful for the way God has been working here. About 25 public confessions at the first evangelistic meetings sponsored by the Baptist Church.

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Lorene

"Ooh, Mommy, my tummy hurts. Ooh, hurry . . .!" Judy describes her own and mommy's sentiments the first day out from New York. I couldn't figure out why the men were faring so well, and the women so poorly. Guess it proves we are of the weaker sex!

After two or three days, we began to enjoy living a bit more—then, wouldn't you know it? The ship changed its motion from rolling to rocking. In spite of it all, we lived; and it was a blessing to be able to witness on the ship.

What a joy it was to be able finally to stand on Italian soil. We had to pinch ourselves to make sure we were really awake and in Italy.

How different from America! Little, little cars—just like little bugs running madly here and there (unless someone had a real old taxicab). Of course, we rode in a horsedrawn carriage. David and Judy were thrilled!

Such poverty on every side. The noise is deafening. Everyone is talking so rapidly and loudly—gesticulating just as furiously. Will we ever be able to talk like that?

The streets are so narrow. Motorcycles, cars, pushcarts, people, donkeycarts, and horsecarts all getting in each others way. I'm afraid my husband would never let me drive down these streets. If there are sidewalks, usually only two people could comfortably walk side by side.

What big apartment buildings! No cute little homes like we were used to.

"Mommy, that man wants something."

I couldn't understand what he was saying; but I knew he wanted money from the Americans. How we wish we could have told him about something much more precious than all the money in the world.

During the first week here, Mom-

my, David and Judy took a little walk to get acquainted. As we were walking along—bang! Judy walked right into a basket someone had let down from above to get some vegetables. We were so busy looking at the donkey and vegetable cart that we didn't see the basket. Judy said to me: "I guess Italy is really different from America. People don't have baskets like that over there."

As David and Judy guide Mommy along, I suddenly noticed that people were looking at us just as closely as we were them. So, we quicken our pace and try to look a little more Italian. We notice how very, very few seem to have joy on their faces. On the way home, with both David and Judy talking as closely like the Italians as they can, I couldn't help but pray that our lives would always show forth the true joy of the Lord.

How thankful we are for the prayers back home. Yes, we have had much sickness. Tired—almost exhausted—but God has graciously answered and supplied our every

need for every moment of each day that we have been here. We appreciate our apartment so much, and the furniture God has supplied.

I'm sure you women would enjoy helping me on washday hang clothes Italian style. Three lines stretched over the side of the balcony—so you lean way over seven stories up and pray that you won't drop anything.

You would probably find the noises just as interesting as I do. For instance, 3 a.m. and some people are carrying on a conversation down on the street. It wakes us, and we're seven floors up and all the windows are closed. Seems to be the normal thing. Then, too, almost any hour you can hear roosters crowing—poor things probably never know when it's morning or evening in this big city. Most anytime during the day people are playing accordions, player pianos, horns, drums, guitars, etc., to beg for money.

You can never know just how it feels to answer the door, or the apartment phone, and know that you won't be able to understand the person who will be there unless you experience it.

Shopping is such an interesting experience. Everything is so expensive. All little shops. How funny it seems not to be able to make change and even understand how much money they want unless they write it out for you.

Then I remember that Christ tells us we are to be pilgrims and foreigners down here. Now I understand a little more fully just what He meant.

How we look forward to letters from home—how much more precious to have His Word with us always.

As I think of the new year and all of its new opportunities—I can't help but praise Him for the wonderful beginning He has given us in our new country.

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By REV. GUY E. KING, Director, 1109 Ludington Street, Escanaba, Michigan

I was gazing at a map of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. I often study maps covering these areas, but today, somehow things were different. The blue of the lakes seemed to stand out in bold relief and I said to myself, "This country is well named 'Land O Lakes'." There are indeed hundreds of beautiful lakes and as I sat there I thought, "The fishing in those lakes must be wonderful for those who have the opportunity." Wouldn't I just like to have a chance to fish some of them sometime? I have always loved to fish, but find so little opportunity to do so. There is always something more important it seems for me to do. Nevertheless, I confess, I sat there dreaming of the beauties beneath the surface of those lakes.

And then my mind carried me back to the Sea of Galilee. Jesus was walking there one day and He "saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And He saith unto them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' And they straightway left their nets and followed Him."

I looked at the map again, but this time I was not looking at lakes and streams. Now I was seeing cities, towns, villages—vast areas, and I knew that in the majority of these places there was not a Baptist testimony—no, not any true testimony for Christ, and my spirit groaned within me. How could it be? Was it possible that no one cared for these people? Has the Lord never called anyone to be a fisher of men in these northern places? Or has He called some, but they would rather stay by their nets?

The population of these neglected areas is made up primarily of white people of many nationalities, but there is also a large number of Indian people scattered throughout the north. As to religions now present here, we find that the Roman Catholic Church has dominated the scene for over 300 years. Other cold, ritualistic groups are also present and we find many churches

which lean heavily toward a modernistic doctrine. False cults and sects are also present in many places. Add to this the confused beliefs of the Indian people who are thoroughly bewildered by an admixture of Catholicism and spiritism, and you can readily see why it is urgent that this northern part of our United States be reached with the true Gospel.

We send missionaries to South America and Europe to reach the Catholic people, but here at home we let them go without lifting a finger to give them the truth of the Gospel of God's grace in Christ Jesus. The same is true in regard to the Indian people. We send missionaries to other lands to reach the Indians, but here at home we do everything in our power to damn their souls. May God help us. Surely it's right to send these missionaries to other lands to reach these people. (We should send many more!) But why must we neglect our own people? Are their souls of less value in God's sight than the peoples of other lands? The Apostle Paul fittingly spoke, "Awake

to righteousness and sin not, for some have not the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame."

May the Lord help us to see that we must reach our own people if we are to have a base strong enough to carry on our foreign work. We do not mince words. We need missionaries to go to these needy fields. Has God spoken to you to leave your nets—whatever that may entail, that He may make of you a fisher of men? There are no closed doors here—YET. How long will this be so? Come to Hiawatha Land and do some fishing. The possibilities are tremendous and we are confident that any investments of lives, money, or efforts of prayer will bring you dividends of eternal joy which shall be without end.

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We have learned experientially that "He goeth before." When we left Columbus July 25, we had but one confirmed speaking engagement in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It has been three months since we started out, and when we returned to Columbus, that one engagement had turned into *fifty-five*! We were privileged to be in 33 churches besides conferences and radio opportunities. The day of miracles is not over, what the Lord touches is blessed and multiplied over and over again.

Wasn't the conference at Erie a real blessing? We're sure that those of you who attended will say "Amen" to that. We were doubly blessed by the privilege of staying with Roy and Edith Gleason & family. We were accepted together last summer by the Wycliffe Bible Translators for work with the JAARS in Peru. We trust we will be seeing them again soon in Peru. The Gleasons are members of Beth-

el Baptist Temple and have completed their Jungle training and also left the last of November for Peru.

As to our plans, we are mindful that we are but Pilgrims and strangers in a far land. Our duffle bags are already being packed in readiness for our trip to Mexico. From Mexico we had hoped to go on to Peru, but for the present time it looks as though the Lord would have us wait, yet a little while. Our missionary barrels are not quite full, (I'm just beginning to realize how much it takes to complete a five year supply) and so after our three months in Mexico we will be returning to the states to complete our equipment.

As one missionary candidate put it, "We expect God to work through our prayer-partners, but we become impatient and would rob them of the blessings of seeing their prayers answered."

We had the privilege of attending the evening meeting of the Youth Rally in Portsmouth with some of the folk from Clintonville Baptist Church. We were thrilled to see the many young people in attendance, and we could not help but think of the potentiality represented by those young people in terms of service for the Lord.

While I am busy packing, writing letters, etc., Ted is busy working on an Airplane which has been graciously loaned to him by a

young fellow from Clintonville Baptist Church. It is a PT-19 and needs to be relicensed and put into flying condition. There are several flyers at Church and they are helping too, with advice, repairs and the expense involved. Since Ted has not had the opportunity to fly for several years, all the flying experience he can get will be invaluable.

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And the meal was almost gone,
And He dried the brook where
Elijah drank

And He sent His servant on,
That the handful of meal should
not be spent

Or the little oil grow less
And that, when the widow's son
lay dead

The prophet's prayer should
bless.

Hast He dried the brook where
thou hast dwelt?

Canst thou find no solace there?
Zarephath is ready if Cherith fail,
With oil and meal to share.

Oh tarry not, should He bid thee go,
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